की सप्लाई हेतु कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत अगस्त, 1992 तक 321 हैंडपम्प और सूखा प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में अक्तूबर, 1992 तक 3469 हैंड पम्प लगाए गए हैं।

Reduction in allotment of funds to J.R.Y.

3786. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the allocations to various States under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana have been drastically reduced during 1992-93; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT'(DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) No, Sir. For the year 1992-93, there is no proposal to reduce the Budget estimate of Rs. 2046 crores.

(b) Question does not arise.

Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme in Maharashtra

3787. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply to the Unstarred Question 2410 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th July, 1992 and state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken about the schemes proposed by the Government of Maharashtra under the Accelerated — Rural— Water Supply Programme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Of the 12 schemes, one scheme for Gagangad Water Supply was returned as schemes for religious places are not taken up at present under the Accelerated Rural Supply Programme. The remaining 11 schemes were returned to the State Government on 5th August, 1992 for furnishing details about project design. The scheme for Cherapalgad in Ratnagiri District which was received in march, 1990 has been cleared.

Additional Fund to Maharashtra under Jawahar Rozgar Yojna

3788. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2411 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th July, 1992 and state:

(a) whether additional funds or savings have become available for meeting the requirements of additional funds of Rs. 300 crores requested by the Government of Maharashtra under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojna; and

(b) if so, the amount of the funds released so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Direct financial assistance to the landless SC/ST

3789. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since started providing financial assistance directly to beneficiaries under IRDP for the upliftment of landless Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes instead of the present system of channelising it through Government machinery; and

(b) if so, the number of such development blocks in the country where such assistance is being given directly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) No, Sir. Under the